

## ATTLEE CHIDES HIS M.P.S.

London, Nov. 28. Prime Minister Attlee is understood to have warned a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour party today of the dangers of mass abstentions from voting with the Government such as characterised the revolt of 100 Labour members on foreign policy in Parliament last week.

The meeting was reminded of the collapse of the Neville-Chamberlain Government. As was expected, a section of the members sponsored the demand to reintroduce the suspended standing orders of the Party which formerly gave the power to discipline members, even to the extent of expulsion, for serious breaches of the rules.

This suggestion was eventually withdrawn and a proposal for the continuation of the suspension of standing orders was carried unanimously.

Political quarters interpret the result as reflecting the keen desire of the Government to continue to leave members unregimented.

The idea to suspend the standing orders has all along been strongly championed by the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, who is the leader of the House. Mr. Morrison has consistently expressed the view that the party with 400 members out of the Parliamentary total of 640 should show a healthy quality by permitting its supporters the maximum freedom of thought and action.

Today's meeting, which was private, was attended by a considerable number of Cabinet Ministers and a conciliatory note which seems to have been struck all round suggests that the domestic crisis in the party has passed.—Reuter.

### Two Versions

London, Nov. 29. Accounts of what went on at the meeting differed.

Some who were there said Attlee "astonished everyone by the ferocity of his attack" upon the rebels who led the revolt. Others said he and Deputy Prime Minister Morrison were "like tolerant fathers welcoming the return of prodigal sons."

The second version seemed more likely since the meeting refused with only two dissenting votes to tighten party control over the members' votes.

All sources agreed that Attlee and others chided and forgave. They agreed also that Attlee said Bevin's position abroad could only have been harmed by

## U. S. UNEMPLOYMENT RISING Mine Operators Willing To Discuss Terms

### No Move Yet By John L. Lewis

Washington, Nov. 29. A spokesman for the mine operators expressed willingness today to discuss a shorter work week with John L. Lewis but Lewis gave no sign of calling off the nationwide coal strike and the Government prepared to push its contempt of court case against him.

As the second week of the economy-wrecking walkout of 400,000 bituminous miners began, Edward P. Burke, President of the Southern Coal Producers Association, said the owners would be "very happy" to negotiate a contract with the mine union boss.

### Murder Attempt Denied

New York, Nov. 29. The United States has formally denied the Soviet Ukraine charges of premeditated political attempt upon the lives of two Ukrainian delegates to the United Nations, firmly insisting that they were not "waylaid," but, rather, were victims of a robbery getaway.

Secretary of State Byrnes wrote to Foreign Minister Dimitri Manuilsky of the Soviet Ukraine, expressing the United States Government's "sincere regret" that delegate Gregory Stadnik was shot and wounded on November 21 by gunmen fleeing from a delicatessen store robbery.

But Byrnes made it plain that his Government rejected Manuilsky's allegations that the shooting was premeditated. He asserted that Stadnik and his companion delegate Alexis Voino would have been killed "easily" if the shooting had been a deliberate attempt on their lives.

The police said the bullet was fired by one of two still unidentified men who had just held up the store's clerk and two customers.—Associated Press.

The revolt which stemmed from an amendment calling on the Government to adopt "an independent Socialist" foreign policy tied neither to the United States or Russia.—Associated Press.

## Chinese Communists Besiege Tatung

Peking, Nov. 29.

Strong Communist forces are besieging Tatung, vital coal-mining and railroad centre in Northern Shensi, for the second time in less than three months.

The Reds, who failed to capture the ancient walled city after 45 days of almost continuous attacks last summer, again pushed into Tatung's suburbs.

Government military authorities expressed deep concern whether the beleaguered city could hold out a second time and said that the Communists this time had thrown in much stronger forces than before.

The Communists' main drive is toward the city's walls from west to east, but another push is正在 developing from the south. The Reds launched their first attack against Tatung on Aug. 8, shelled the city for days and fought right to the city's high walls, but failed to scale them.

In southern Shensi, Communists are reported crossing Yellow River into Shensi, apparently driving toward Yenan. The Reds claim that the Nationalists have started an offensive against their headquarters and have evacuated the walled city. Yenan is about 80 miles west of the Yellow River. The Communists continued their attacks against both the Peking-Tientsin and Tientsin-

### HEIGHT OF IMPUDENCE?

Jerusalem, Nov. 28.

The Jewish Agency spokesman disclosed today that the Jewish National Council had lodged claims for compensation totaling \$95,000 with British Military Headquarters in Palestine.

The claims were to have been done by British troops during searches for terrorists and hidden arms in the Jewish city of Tel Aviv and a number of Jewish communal settlements in various parts of Palestine since June 29 this year, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

### Training Of The Army

London, Nov. 28.

Prime Minister Attlee told the House of Commons today that the great bulk of training of British forces must continue to take place in Britain and not in the Dominions or elsewhere overseas.

Meanwhile the paralyzing effects of the mine shutdown were marked by a rising tide of unemployment.

The total in the steel industry neared the 100,000 mark.

"The automobile industry closed down for a long Thanksgiving holiday with 150,000 idle until Monday."

If the mines are closed for long a slump in Government income and strong pressure for inflationary prices are anticipated by Treasury Secretary Snyder and Civilian Production Chief Small.

Senator Elect Robertson, Democrat, Virginia, predicted "between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 industrial workers will be idle" if the strike last 30 days.—Associated Press.

### Talks Continue

Washington, Nov. 28. Secret talks between Mr. John L. Lewis, President of the United Mineworkers Union, and coal owners were continuing today as Americans celebrated Thanksgiving Day, which commemorates the first successful harvest of the original settlers in America.

The legal fight in the Federal court is expected to drag on for several days, but a verdict is unlikely to provide a solution of the itself.

In his talks with owners, Mr. Lewis was stated to have reduced his demands from 54 hours' pay for 40 hours' work to 64 hours' pay for 45 hours' work, and it is this kind of concession that may make an out-of-court settlement possible.—Reuter.

### QUIET MARKET IN GEMS

Johannesburg, Nov. 28. The present quiet period in the gem market here is likely to continue indefinitely, according to the "Diamond News."

Demand for polished stones is chiefly restricted to those of one carat, while there are still few buyers for Cape and spotted stones.

Sights continue to be held monthly with assortment remaining much the same.—Reuter.

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## Britons Planned Munich Beer Hall Explosion?

New York, Nov. 29. The Munich beer hall explosion in 1939, which narrowly missed killing Adolf Hitler, was planned in the German underground before the war and financed by a group of British editors and business men who had banded together originally to oppose the Chamberlain "appeasement" policy, Werner Knop, newspaperman who says he headed the deal, writes in the "Saturday Evening Post."

Knop, a naturalized British citizen born in Germany who had worked in France and Belgium as well as for several British papers, says that in May 1939, he was director of Union Time, Inc., the organization formed to campaign for a strong policy toward Germany under the guise of a press agency; that a Mrs. Olday, alias Hilda Monte, member of a German Socialist group, was sent to him by G. R. Strauss, one of Union Time's sponsors and now Parliamentary Secretary to the British Minister of Transport.

The latest report said that lighting is still in progress.

**Manchuria.** In Manchuria, the Communists were reported to be reviewing their activities along the Peking-Mukden rail line, south of Mukden. A large force is massed at Linoyang and Hsiung-yueh, south of Mukden.

Farther south, the Reds assaulted Chinkuo, just north of the Manchuria-North China border.

Large Red forces were reportedly attempting to encircle Government-held positions in Southern Hopei and North Honan. These troops are pushing southward and are forcing the Government troops to retreat on both sides, suffering severe losses.—Associated Press.

**Other Pages:** Having failed because Hitler's constantly changing routine after the war started,

### NO COMMENTS

Madrid, Nov. 29.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said he had no comment to make on the charge by a London official of the Spanish Republican government in exile that "enemies" of the Franco regime were being subjected to a new wave of persecution. The spokesman said that similar charges had been denied previously.—Associated Press.

**Deaf Made.**

Although not believing in assassination as an instrument of international policy, the question before the group boiled down to whether Hitler's death would be avoided.

The deal was made, but the German group was required to prove its ability through other scheduled acts of sabotage before money passed. It finally went to a man whom Knop does not name.

Other plans having failed, the Germans, after passing back and forth through their lines for some

time, selected a member of the German group secured employment at the beer hall as a handy man, planted explosives in a pillar in the cellar, timed them for the middle of Hitler's speech and fled to Italy. Hitler caused them up through a fire of a British air raid, spoke early and left six minutes before the explosion.—Associated Press.

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## Cabinet Crisis In France

Paris, Nov. 28.

France was tonight in the throes of a Governmental crisis with the resignation of the three-party coalition Cabinet led by Premier Georges Bidault, the head of Mouvement Républicain (the Progressive Catholics).

This became effective this afternoon after Marcel Cachin, 77-year-old Communist, the oldest deputy in the New Assembly and therefore its acting President, had read the Premier's letter of resignation in the House.

M. Bidault's Cabinet will continue to act as a "caretaker" government, but no important decisions on Cabinet level will be taken until a new Government is formed.

Political observers consider there is no chance of this happening before the end of next week. It will more probably be even later after the election of France's second Chamber on Sunday next week.

The Communist press announced today that Maurice Thorez, the leader of the party, was "candidate for the post of Premier in the new Government." Earlier, the Communist party said it would refuse to back the caretaker government under M. Bidault.

The Assembly is due to elect a new Premier early next week, possibly on Tuesday, after choosing a Speaker of the Assembly. Socialist Vincent Auriol, who has been the Speaker in two successive Assemblies since last January, is again expected to be chosen for this post.

**Tense Silence.** A crowded chamber listened in tense silence to M. Cachin's speech which was interpreted in the lobbies as setting out the prosecution's case.

The Prime Minister, M. Camille Huissmans, reported that the Government will not waver.

Quoting a pre-war precedent for the action, the Premier said the Government would introduce the war damage budget to the Senate again.

The leader of the Opposition in the Senate, M. Paul Strize, declared: "If the Government maintains its attitude the Social Christian party will refuse to associate itself with such a distorted functioning of Parliament and will leave the Chamber."

Earlier, three members of the Social Christian party walked out of the Senate and the president proceeded to call the roll to establish whether a quorum remained.

Lacking one Senator for a quorum, the president closed the session of the Senate, thus putting a formal seal on the governmental and Parliamentary deadlock.—Reuter.

**Alliance.** His attack on Britain and the United States was pointedly coupled with the remark that French alliance with the Soviet Union was the keystone of French foreign policy.

This emphasis on an alliance coming at a moment when the month closing time at the Kowloon Post Office will be one hour earlier in each case.

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Details of further despatches will be published in the daily mail notice.

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Chun Chi Sing, of the Tai Shan store, No. 142, Bonham Strand West, was fined \$250 for selling a tin of Ovaltine at \$60.30. The controlled price was \$2.50.

Yam Kai-wah, of the Luen Wah Company, Queen's Road Central, was fined \$200 for the sale of a medium size tube of Kolynos tooth paste at \$2.50, 60 cents in excess of the official price.

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Leung Ping, of the Wing Ping Kee Company, No. 334, Hennessy Road, was fined \$75 for the sale of an apple and orange for 70 cents each, when the controlled price was 45 and 40 cents respectively.

A similar fine was imposed on Ho So of the Pak Kee Stall, Morrison Street, for the sale of two oranges at \$1.40.

Wong Sin of the Chin Hing Stall, No. 26, Hillier Street, was fined \$80 for the sale of two oranges at \$1.00.

Tong Hing-shu, of the Lam Kee stall, No. 1, Aberdeen Street, was fined \$50 for selling two oranges at \$1.20.

**Light Bulb.** For selling an electric light bulb at \$3.00, while the controlled price was \$1.25, Leung Tong of the Evening Electrical Company, No. 146, Gloucester Road, was fined \$25.

Ho Kwong-hei, of the Wing Shing Company, No. 118, Connaught Road, was fined \$10.

After a temporary fall of two or three inches in the level of the Thames, the Conservancy authorities said today it was rising again.

North Dorset has the worst floods for many years, with hundreds of acres of farmland under water and cottages and farms isolated. For the second time in three days parts of Blandford, Dorset, are under water.

Business has had to stop in some shops. The Automobile Association has issued a list of 18 impassable roads.—Reuter.

## DRINKS TO COST MORE MONDAY!

## Readers' Letters

### Destruction Of A Symbol

Sir.—H. E. L. Dowbiggin is right. We whose houses were demolished have feelings to express. The Japanese monument symbolised barbers' activities and acts in violation of international law and decency.

There remain houses and land lots purchased during the time when our enemy destroyed our properties and removed materials therein for the erection of such Imperial War Memorial.

Such houses and land lots were bought with money earned by those trustees of enemy syndicates and monopolies. They were results of acts of collaboration detrimental to the Allied cause.

We who were arrested and tortured by the enemy Gestapo for our anti-Axis acts know fully why our common enemy gave those who sold out their nations and friends chances to make fortunes to invest in real estates. We who were not considered loyal to the East Asiatic Co-prosperity area were not even given a chance to make a living.

We therefore hope the Government will go further to do justice. If the big collaborators should escape gallows and doing time in jail because of the amnesty, let us destroy their ill-gotten houses and land lots. Let us tell them that their time is up; that their good protectors Isogai and Tanaka have been locked up; and that whatever rights and privileges, like houses and land lots, accrued of serving these war criminals should be demolished or taken over by the victorious power for the benefit of the loyal of those who fought and suffered for the Allied cause.

OUYANG PING.

### WAAF Amazed

Sir.—After nine months of boredom, we now read that the WAAF are disappointed at having to leave the whirl of social gaiety that exists in Hong Kong. It is to be wondered from whom this exclusive information was obtained—or maybe it came from one of the mythical 102 March arrivals? If we'd come here fresh from some rural hamlet, we might feel more inclined to appreciate our good fortune in being posted to a town which boasts a few moth-eaten cinemas and even fewer hotels, but we have all served in either India or Ceylon, and consequently look back on our activities in India with longing and regret.

One feels inclined to wonder whether Miss Bradbury would have found our living conditions so ideal had she inhabited our hostel during the recent cold spell, when hot water was more precious than gold-dust, or if she would tolerate our nocturnal visitors—rats and mice—as we do.

We are amazed, also, to learn that we are only doing a fraction of the work we are accustomed to, but we console ourselves with the reflection that even so, ours is a useful occupation.

Finally, I would suggest that in future statements such as those in yesterday's article are checked for their accuracy before publication. And now, the evening being my own—a fact which is apparently remarked upon with astonishment—I intend setting in search of some heretic night-spot which has hitherto escaped my notice. But before I depart, allow me to point out that in the Air Force there is a nice distinction between being "posted" and being "sent away."

PUNCH.

Sir.—The exasperation with which the majority of the WAAF community, now serving in this Colony, view the account of their leaving and of the activities during their stay, published in your November 27 edition, must already be well known to both Margaret Bradbury and your

self. Permit me, however, to register my protest against the view published, which you will find, on deeper investigation, are for the greater part ridiculed by the airwomen concerned.

The statement that the "Arundel Castle" will transport 50 disappointed Air Force women from the Colony as is much an exaggeration as it is laughable. Probably only one fifth of that number will board those who do, few will have any regret at leaving Hong Kong.

Investigation would reveal too, that many of our girls who have served in the W.A.A.F. in Ceylon and India regard their movement to Hong Kong from there as an article of their Service, brought about by the manpower shortage in this and other areas. Their experience of the social life and gaiety existing here often compares unfavourably with the conditions which they enjoyed in other areas.

Whilst it may be true that some members of the W.A.A.F. serving here do only about a quarter or a tenth of the work they did in England during the war years, those girls are undoubtedly the inevitable "Scorcher". During their stay in Hong Kong, the W.A.A.F. have completed the task they were called upon to do, and I have no doubt that official sources would confirm that they did it well by dint of hard work.

In all the spirit of the W.A.A.F. leaving Hong Kong is surely unchanged. Those leaving on repatriation and demobilisation return to their homes happy and thankful that the Service which they gave to their country in the stress of War is no longer required.

Those who leave for other areas go forward to give of a few what about those who went to Macau, and the others who risked being caught and sent to the interior to join Allied Forces and are back in the Colony, but still in Khaki.

### ROYAL SCOTS' DRUM

Tokyo, Nov. 29.—The historic "drum of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots, which was stolen from Hong Kong in 1942, was returned to the British authorities today with due ceremony.

Shipped to Japan in the early part of the war, the drum was discovered in the Yakuju Shrine, to which the Japanese repair to make their obeisance to soldiers killed in action. Associated Press.

Legislative Councillors, etc., who sit on these committees?

### PUZZLED

#### Justice

Sir.—Referring to your correspondent I.T. Weng of the 23th who said "that there would be some justice for the authorities to refuse to sanction the plan," regarding fare-paying passengers as some 20 odd persons carrying luggage were observed getting off a lorry off Chaiwan beach preparing to board the junk.

Defendant said he anchored owing to foul weather and took on no passengers.

Remarkably it was a serious offence, the maximum penalty for which was a \$200 fine, the Magistrate said that as this was the first case he would impose a fine of only \$50, with a warning that future cases would be dealt with more severely.

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### "CONCERNED"

#### Shoe Money

Sir.—In Hennessy Road a four-storeyed Chinese tenement house was recently sold at \$72,000, of which the broker's share gained several thousand dollars, on the condition that the whole house will be delivered vacant to the new owner after one month from the date of signing agreement of sale.

The reason that the owner intends to buy a vacant house is to get high rent by letting it.

So far as I know, the rent for a flat (upper floors) of Chinese tenement is from \$160 to \$200 (shoe money exclusive) two against—yet Government, after having implied (by the very appointment of a committee) that it has neither the time nor the knowledge to go into the question itself—blithely announces that it is over-ruled the recommendations of the majority of the committee!

### NEVER LIE

#### A Hard Struggle

Sir.—Ye people of Hong Kong I prefer precisely to the white collar class and only those who are underpaid. I am sorry I was wrong when I spoke about what the Harbour could do for us on February 13, 1946. What would be optimism in the first place has now given way to pessimism.

Things are truly in pretty bad shape and apparently it seems there is no solution and when I say no solution I mean no solution and that is all there is to it.

The point is if there were ever a solution that solution to it. The point is if there were ever a solution that solution to it. The point is if there were ever a solution that solution to it.

And, brothers and sisters of the white collar class, it is a very very hard struggle.

THE CHINA MAIL, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1946.

# "LISBON MARU" MASTER GETS SENTENCE OF 7 YEARS

## Armed Robbers Gaoled

Kyoda Shigeru, master of the "Lisbon Maru" was yesterday found guilty by No. 5 War Crimes Court of having committed a War Crime and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

In a plea for mitigation, Mr. Takahashi, defence counsel, referred to the fact that an action in consequence of an order was not considered a war crime by British Military Law until 1936 and that in Singapore recently, the Australian Court came to an acquittal in such a case.

The case was heard before Lt. Col. R. C. Lamming (Dept. India), Barrister-at-Law, President and Major J. T. Loranger (J.A.C. Branch Canadian Army) and Lieut. Cmdr. J. de G. Lamotte, R.N., Members.

Major P.A.L. Vine, R.M. was the Prosecuting Officer. Cmdr. T. Ellis, R.N., Chief Naval Advisor to ALSEAC, was present at Prosecution Bench throughout the trial.

The accused was represented by Messrs. Takahashi Mikio and Yuriko Nibun, assisted by Captain P. E. Kostloff, as Adviser.

The accused was charged with having committed a War Crime on the High Seas on Oct. 1 and 2, 1942, in that he, when master of the Military transport S.S. "Lisbon Maru" and as such, being responsible for the lives and safety of about 1,800 British POWs on board the transport when it had been torpedoed and was in a sinking condition, in violation of the laws and usages of war, was concerned (a) in the battering down of POWs in the ship's hold whereby many died of suffocation and many underwent mental and physical sufferings.

"As action in consequence of an order was not considered a war crime by British Military Law until the law was amended in 1936, moreover, recently in Singapore the Australian Court came to an acquittal in such a case in conformance with an amendment of the Australian Military Law.

I have no intention of discussing why such an action was not considered a war crime by the British before 1936 and why the Australian Court came to an acquittal. The Nuremberg trials have made it clear that at least an action in consequence of an order should be considered strongly in mitigation of punishment.

"I have explained in detail in my closing address that anybody in the position of the accused Kyoda most likely would have had no other alternative than the action taken by the accused. In the case of the accused Kyoda, there was no other possibility of moral choice than to do what he did. The accused had strongly deliberated even military just orders of his superiors and did his utmost. Moreover, I would like the Australian Court to consider the sincerity of the accused when, in direct contact with POWs he even gave some of them the pieces of board he was clinging to. Therefore, I would like the Court to consider these points and give a lenient sentence."

On the accused intimating that he personally did not wish to say anything, the Court was closed at the rate up to \$18.00 per 100 Piastres at the peak. It had opened at \$16.60. There was sustained buying throughout the day. Closing rate was \$17.25.

Gold was quiet at the opening at \$318.50 a tael dropping to \$316.50. Late in the afternoon sudden buying sent the price up to \$326.50 which eased off to \$323 at the close.

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# Jury's Unusual Rider Surprises Judge

## SS. "China Victory" Due On Dec. 15

The United States Lines Co., general agents for the Pacific Far East Line, announced that their s.s. "China Victory" will arrive in Hong Kong on Dec. 15, and will sail from Hong Kong directly to San Francisco on Dec. 16.

This is the first trip to China for the "China Victory" which was named in honour of the Republic of China. The vessel was built by the California Ship Building Corporation in Los Angeles, and was launched two years ago, being christened by the wife of one of the leading Chinese of the Pacific coast. The steamer is 10,734 tons dead weight and displaces 15,200 tons. It is powered with steam turbines and has a cruising speed of 18 knots. The "China Victory" is 439 feet long and 62 feet in breadth. It is an ideal cargo carrier and has special tanks for bulk wood oil.

The "China Victory" will arrive in San Francisco well in advance of Chinese New Year, and is booking a considerable amount of Chinese merchandise for the Pacific Coast. It is expected that the vessel will be one of many of the regular runs between the American Pacific Coast and the China Coast.

To accommodate many shippers, it has been arranged to have the "China Victory" call at Macau en route to San Francisco, enabling many Chinese in the Hawaian Island to enjoy Chinese foodstuffs during the celebration of Chinese New Year.

## ARAB LEAGUE WARNING

Cairo, Nov. 29. The continuation of Jewish immigration into Palestine "will cause trouble in the Middle East" and may effect the London-Palestine conference due to be resumed on December 16, the Arab League said yesterday.

In a statement issued after a three hour session, the League said:

"The seven Arab states protest against the continuation of Jewish immigration to Palestine and against the lack of firmness in the British Government's attitude concerning immigration and they foresee that if the immigration continues, that it will cause trouble in the Middle East." —Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 29. UNRRA Director General F. H. Luard has allocated funds for child relief out of a \$2,250,000 cash total received through the emergency food drive led by former Commerce Secretary Henry A. Wallace, China, India, Greece, and the Philippines each received \$300,000. —Associated Press.

An unusual rider was added at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by a jury who unanimously found an Indian driver of the Royal Signals not guilty on a charge of manslaughter, but dealt with severely for a breach of traffic regulations by driving a lorry in excess of the speed limit.

Remarking that it was peculiar and unusual for a jury to forward such a recommendation, Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, informed the jury that the accused was charged only with manslaughter and that as they had unanimously found him not guilty of the charge, he could do nothing but acquit him.

Discharging the accused, Sir Henry told him to bear in mind the jury's recommendation against speedy driving. His Lordship also remarked that it was his opinion that there were too many cases of speedy driving by military vehicles in the Colony.

The accused was Sadhu Singh, who, according to Major Dins Officer in charge of the Royal Signals, had had no accident throughout the Burma campaign for two and a half years, and was a first class driver.

The jury, retired for 30 minutes to find Sadhu Singh not guilty of unlawfully killing a 59-year-old woman, Chan Mui, in Nathan Road on Sept. 30 as a result of an accident.

According to the Crown's allegation, the accused drove at between 40 and 45 m.p.h. and suddenly applied the lorry's brakes. Before it came to a standstill, the lorry skidded and knocked more than a right angle, knocking down the woman and colliding with a hand cart. Sadhu Singh allegedly reversed the lorry and started off again. In doing so, Sadhu Singh allegedly drove it over the woman's body and killed her.

In his evidence, Sadhu Singh denied that he was driving at high speed and denied that he knew he had knocked the woman

## TRADE TREATY A SAFEGUARD

Nanking, Nov. 29. Dr. Wang Hsueh-cheng, director of the foreign office treaty department, said today that the Sino-American Commercial Treaty is a safeguard to China's lack of industrial development.

His statement replied to Chinese criticisms of the treaty.

Wang added that the treaty is necessary to provide a legal basis for the operation of Chinese business in the United States.

He said American free travel in China was essential to avoid constant diplomatic friction.

The treaty, he said, was concluded in an atmosphere of unusual harmony. —Associated Press.

## INCORRECT

Nanking, Nov. 29. A Foreign Office spokesman said today that China gave Russia a stockpile of strategic materials in return for an old debt incurred during the early days of the Sino-Japanese war, were not correct.

He added that only a certain amount of ordinary commodities like tea-leaf was given Russia by China as a complete settlement of the debt long since.

The spokesman declined immediate comment on the Soviet complaint concerning the treatment and evacuation of railroad employees. —Associated Press.

## CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION NO. 1165

### (Translation)

With reference to Customs Notification No. 1161, the Public are hereby notified that under Government instructions received through the Inspector General of Customs the following instructions contained in Customs Notification No. 1161

to the effect that goods actually en route from abroad on the 17th November 1946 may temporarily be passed by the Customs without production of Import Licences, are hereby rescinded, and that all goods not cleared through the Customs prior to the 26th November 1946 will not be permitted importation into China unless covered by Import Licences.

The foregoing should be read in conjunction with Press Notification No. 1 issued by the Secretary, Urban Council, any expression of opinion on this question that they may wish the Committee to consider.

Urban Council Office, Hong Kong, 22nd Nov. 1946.

G. N. GAWLER, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, Kowloon Customs Office, Marina House, Hong Kong, 29th Nov. 1946.

## LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of One Dollar per share and a Bonus of One Dollar per share has been declared payable as on the 16th December, 1946.

The Share Transfer Books will be closed from Monday, 3rd December, 1946 to Monday, 16th December, 1946 (inclusive) for the purpose of the preparation of Dividend Warrants.

Dividend Warrants will be issued at the Registered Office of the Company, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 16th December, 1946.

By Order of the Board, A. W. BROWN, General Manager.

Hong Kong, 29th Nov. 1946.

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Particulars of requirements can be obtained from N.A.S.O. R.N.A. Depot Stonecutters Island.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. BROWN, General Manager.

Hong Kong, 29th Nov. 1946.

## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT NOTICE

The following list of successful candidates in the recent examination for Sanitary Inspector held by the Hong Kong Branch of the Royal Sanitary Institute is published for information.

Chan Cho Huen, Yung Shai Wing, Yau Kai Pok, Au See Hin, Kwok Hon Ming, Wai Chit Ming, Paul Lam, Lai Chi Shan, John Alexander Fox, Mao Peng Khoon, Chan Man Yuk, Woo Shing Chow, Yam Sui Chung, Mo Luen Cheung, Ho Chung Yin, Ma Chin Tung.

P. S. SELWYN CLARKE, Director of Medical Services, Hong Kong, 27th Nov. 1946.

## NOTICE

### BATHING BEACHES

The Urban Council has appointed a Committee to consider the future use, development and control of bathing beaches in the Colony, including the New Territories, and, in particular, to advise as to the facilities which should be provided by Government, or granted by Government, or private persons or associations.

Members of the public, representatives of clubs, associations etc., are hereby invited to forward in writing to the Secretary, Urban Council, any expression of opinion on this question that they may wish the Committee to consider.

Urban Council Office, Hong Kong, 22nd Nov. 1946.

G. N. GAWLER, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, Kowloon Customs Office, Marina House, Hong Kong, 29th Nov. 1946.

## NOTICE TO Consignees "SINKIANG"

Damaged cargo on the above vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between the hours 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on 3rd December 1946 and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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## London Sees German Naval Secrets

I take my demob hat off to the men of the Minesweeping Service.

Over 25,000 of them constantly risked their lives in one of the most hazardous, yet unspectacular and least publicized tasks of World War II.

For six years their lot was one of hard living and continual vigilance in stormy seas in all climates, and they bore at all times the strain of unseen danger. And their job didn't

order to produce an explosion.

During the uneasy years of peace, both sides evolved some effective machinery to increase the range of detection. And at the same time, other groups of scientists developed other types of mines which were even more subtle than those employed in 1914-18 and would be harder to sweep.

The Admiralty exhibition shows these fairly recent refinements—the finished products, the interior mechanism, and models showing how they work. The prize exhibit is the first German parachute-magnetic mine to be recovered complete in Britain.

This was the weapon on which Hitler had relied way back in 1939 to destroy the British merchant fleet. It had been invented eight years previously and since then the cleverest German brains had failed to find the antidote. It did considerable damage in the early months of the war, and it certainly looked as if merchant traffic would be paralysed unless the remedy could be found quickly. The men in the sweepers did all they could, but they were powerless against this weapon new to their experience.

And then wicked-looking

1,200 lbs. of mischief with spokes all over it dropped on the sands at Shoeburyness, Essex on the night of 22nd November, 1939; volunteer specialist officers from H.M.S. Vernon, the Torpedo and Mining School, rendered it safe within 12 hours; in another dozen hours it had been stripped and the secrets of the magnetic mine were placed before Mr. Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty. Soon after the antidote was discovered. A new sweep was evolved, its principle being to create a magnetic field which would activate the needle of the mine, and the sweepers again began to achieve most satisfactory results. For ship's direct protection, the Royal Navy produced the "de-gaussing girdle," named ironically enough after a German scientist; a simple but effective device which was fitted to vessels of all sizes. By D-Day, the British Demagussing Organisation was responsible for minimising the danger from magnetic mines in respect of some 18,000 vessels. The maintenance of these ships in a satisfactory condition involved the magnetic measurement of some 500 ships a day, and at one time, 1,200 miles of wire cable were being used weekly to fit the vessels.

After the magnetic mine came fresh engines of destruction: the antenna, electrochemical, acoustic and oyster

It is becoming increasingly clear that only the formation of a coalition Government, representative of all parties—including the Communists—will avert the early tragedy of another civil war. If British influence means anything at all, it should be exercised positively towards this end. To let things drift as they are doing now can lead only to disaster.

But there is more than enough on view to convince the least mechanically-minded and impressionable, such as your London correspondent, of the tremendous skill and regrettable ingenuity which were devoted to perfecting the submarine mine, and of the diabolical threat to shipping that it represents.

During World War I mines almost without exception, had to be struck by the target in

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for a firing squad in the Luxembourg gardens. On December 7, 1815, after Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo and his banishment to St. Helena.

But Peter Stewart Ney, the Caroline schoolmaster, insisted on his deathbed that he was the French Marshal. He had escaped the firing squad by a complicated ruse, made his way to the United States, to wander the young nation's frontiers and finally sought refuge in teaching. It was a story at which he had often hinted during his lifetime when liquor had loosened his tongue.

Time has only defended the enigma of his death. Books have been written in support of his story. Other books have renounced his claims. Carolinians interested in unravelling the twisted threads of the Ney mystery have formed a new memorial association and there is a continuing search for further indisputable evidence.

Shorthand Diary

Ney was known to have kept a shorthand diary. One such diary recently found, now is being translated and may finally resolve the conflict between the disbelievers, historians and the Caroline legend.

Now he took dummy's J won the heart lead and he led the spade 10. East scored his A and returned his last heart. West played the A to drop the K, scored the Q, then the third heart East discarded the spade 3, and on the fourth the club 8, South with his eyes open saw that club, and re-

membered it.

Now he took dummy's two high diamonds and led the spade 2. When East played low and the S. won, West discarded. That confirmed South's reading of East as still holding the spade Q-9-7 and the club A and another. When he now led the club K, East had a chance to set him two by winning with the A and returning his other club to throw South in the lead. But East, a poor player, did what South hoped, played his little one. South then put him in with the club 9, and East had to lead from his spider into the K. Playing South his contract, with the club Q taking the final trick.

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

S 10 2

H K J

D A K 10 9 8 6 2

C 10 7

S 4

H A Q 8 7 5

D Q 7 3

C J 6 5 4

S K 1 9 6

H 10 9 4 2

D 4

C K Q 9 8

S 10 2

H K J

D A K 10 9 8 6 2

C 10 7

S 4

H A Q 8 7 5

D Q 7 3

C J 6 5 4

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# MOLOTOV WANTS ARMS CONTROL

## Worldwide System Of Inspection Urged

### Another Jewel Robbery

London, Nov. 28. While Rose Marchioness of Headfort—former Gaiety girl Rose Boot—was asleep early today in her home in London, a thief entered her bedroom, stole a quantity of jewellery and escaped without disturbing her.

Both the Marchioness and a woman companion in the next room woke shortly afterwards and discovered that a thief had entered the house through a ground floor window. He had cut the telephone wire. The stolen jewellery, valued at £1,000, included presents to the Marchioness from her husband, who died in 1943.—Reuters.

### HONG KONG SERVICES RACE CLUB THE FINAL MEETING

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There are a limited number of Boxes available, for which application should be made to the Clerk of the Course (Lt.-Col. J. R. Edgar, M.B.E., H.Q., R.E.M.E., Land Forces) enclosing a remittance for \$25. Tickets cannot be issued until payment is received.

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#### SOVIETS PULLING OUT

Berlin, Nov. 28.

Reports of large-scale

withdrawals

from the Soviet occupied zone of Germany were confirmed by a Soviet source here today. Large contingents are moving out in the course of demobilisation," a senior Soviet officer said.

Travellers arriving in Berlin from the Russian zone said the withdrawals began last Friday. A reliable informant spoke of the movement of six divisions and brigades "mainly from Thuringia and Saxony." The withdrawals appear to be principally of infantry and there are no reports of movements by Soviet Air Force personnel.—Reuters.

Canada and Australia also welcomed the Soviet proposal, but said they would move amendments to strengthen it. Speaking in the resumed debate in the Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on the Soviet disarmament proposals, Mr. Molotov submitted a supplementary proposal for two commissions of inspection to ensure that disarmament decisions of the United Nations Security Council would be carried out.

Firstly, a commission to check the carrying out of the Council's decision on a reduction of armaments. Secondly, a commission to check the carrying out of a decision on the proposal to ban military use of atomic energy. Mr. Parodi, of France, chairman of the existing Atomic Energy Commission, urged that the commission should be allowed to continue its work on the same basis as it began.

Calling upon the United Nations to "put an end to the armament race which has begun," M. Molotov declared: "The second World War ought

to convince us that it is necessary to take now grave measures in order to avoid another similar war."

"The mere passing of pious resolutions, conclusion of pacts of friendship and the solemn signature of our countries to the UNO Charter is not enough," he said.

"The existence of vast armies, such as exist at present, is a constant threat to peace," said Sir Hartley. "The burden of maintaining such forces crippled the countries of the world in the great task of economic reconstruction. The war-wrecked world cries out for relief from these threats and burdens so that it may enter at last into the golden age of liberty, peace and prosperity."

"We have now the opportunity of taking a step forward and making sure it will have some real effect and not be a mere sham, fraud to be used for the purpose of political propaganda, or to lull unsuspecting people into a false sense of security."

"What use is it to furnish figures, supply information, agree to cut down particular forces, and to undertake not to use a particular form of weapon if that is all that is done? We had experience of that in those bitter years between two wars."

"But the nations at that time did nothing effective for enforcement of that which they had provided in their treaties and resolutions."

**Not Unilateral Disarmament**

Britain who, for the first time, was compelled to introduce conscription in peace-time because of the maintenance of vast and ever increasing forces in other parts of the

#### Supplement

Following the return to Britain yesterday of Mr. Noel Baker, Sir Hartley Shawcross, Attorney-General, is now leading the British delegation on the committee.

When the question of disarmament arose, M. Molotov submitted a supplement to the original Soviet proposal, reading: "To ensure adoption of measures for a reduction of armaments and prohibition of the use of atomic energy for military purposes, there shall be established within the framework of the Security Council, who bear the main responsibility for international peace and security, international control operating on the basis for special provision which would provide for establishment of special organs of inspection, for which purpose there shall be formed: Firstly, a commission for the control of execution of any decision regarding reduction of armaments. Secondly, a commission for the control of any decision regarding prohibition of the use of atomic energy for military purposes."

M. Molotov, recalling the Soviet Government's proposal to outlaw atomic weapons, declared: "It is not difficult to imagine how more grave and how greater the victims of the last war would have been if the convention prohibiting the use of poison gas and bacteriological warfare had not been arrived at."

"If it is right, as regards poison gas, it is more right to prohibit the utilisation of atomic energy in war. Any refusal to arrive at a convention to prohibit the use of atomic energy in warfare is contradiction of the strivings and conscience of the peoples of the world."

"When we speak of a reduction of armaments and the prohibition of the use of atomic weapons, we must fully realise the importance of this task. This matter must be looked into in detail."

The Soviet delegate asserted that the work of the UNO on the problem of general reduction of armaments will be followed by people throughout the world with the greatest interest and urged the Security Council must take up the matter in the immediate future.

M. Parodi, of France, declared it was absolutely certain that the general disarmament plan could not be considered at this time if the atomic weapon question was not made part of it.

Canada and Australia welcomed the Soviet proposal, but said they would move amendments to strengthen it.

#### FORGED POUNDS CIRCULATING

Washington, Nov. 28.

Counterfeit British currency is circulating in Switzerland, according to a warning issued to the public by the Attorney-General.

Notes of £10, £20 and £50

sterling were brought to

Switzerland in the spring of

1945 by a Hungarian refugee,

who acquired them in good

faith in Budapest, the

Attorney-General's office said.

The Hungarian sold most of

the notes to a Basle merchant, who put them into circulation.—Associated Press.

## Ukraine Accuses Britain

Lake Success, N.Y., Nov. 28.

Nov. 28.

Britain was accused by Ukraine in the United Nations today of harbouring a division of 120,000 Quisling Ukrainians in northern Italy.

The allegation was made at

a meeting of the Social Committee during today's debate on the International Refugees Organisation.

The Ukrainian delegate, M.

Lev Medved, alleged that the

"Pellura" division had been

subsidised by the British Com-

mand at Cesenatico, near Rimini.

He declared: "I shall

go on talking till all war

criminals are caught and no

longer enjoy the protection of

Britain."

Mr. Frank, Beswick, of Bri-

tain, said the Social Committee

was not the place to discuss

such matters. Mrs. Roosevelt,

supporting the British delegate,

said war criminals were already

covered in the draft constitu-

tion of the International Refu-

gees Organisation, and there

was no need for the new Soviet

amendment.

By 22 votes to nine the com-

mittee defeated the Soviet

amendment proposing that all

military units which helped

Hitler and all persons hostile

to home Governments be excluded

from International Refugees

Organisation help.

The committee adjourned un-

til tomorrow.—Reuters.

#### LIFTED PRICE CONTROLS

(Continued from Page 4)  
wide and fully an inch thick.

It must have weighed at least

a pound and a half.

#### Tender But

It was a very tender steak, and beautifully cooked, but there was no chance at all that I would be able to eat it all. I have a very good appetite, but could manage no more than a third of that cut of meat.

What I left on my plate, I presume, was thrown away.

In England, the meat ration

is calculated on a price basis

and allowing for the higher

prices over here, I reckoned

that that steak represented

one Englishman's ration of

meat for about ten weeks. This

sort of thing must happen

thousands of times every day,

and must lead to a tremendous

wastage. Would it not be better

to serve reasonable helpings at

half the price, and let those

who have the appetites of

giants ask for more?

speciation and for limitation of armaments.

In that way, and in that way only, can these proposals be left outside the realm of propaganda and suspicion and hold out any hope for the future of the world."

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tomorrow.—Reuters.

## BRITISH PROPOSAL ON TROOPS PASSED

Lake Success, N.Y., Nov. 28.

Passage of the British resolution settling the "troops" census controversy by the United Nations General Assembly was assured today when the Assembly's Political and Security Council passed it by more than a two-thirds majority.

The British proposal—that all members of the United Nations should report on all their troops at home and abroad by December 15—was adopted by the Committee by 34 to seven, with four abstentions.

This was regarded here as an important achievement by the British delegation, which had taken the lead throughout in insisting that the original Russian proposal for a census of United Nations troops abroad should be extended to include those at home as well.

The gains were summed up in informed circles here thus:

1. The committee removed the "slur" contained in the original Russian resolution—the implication that a census was necessary to allay political uneasiness caused by the presence of Allied troops on territories of other members of the United Nations.

2. The committee insisted that the survey should be conducted for the purpose of contributing to a general reduction of armaments and, not as a means of laying alleged uneasiness in countries in which troops are stationed.

3. By including troops in enemy territories, troops at home and troops in Allied territory, the census will be the most complete survey of world military strength ever made.

Although the British proposal

#### Close Vote

They were encouraged to hope that it might still be agreed to, chiefly by the closeness of the vote by which it was defeated yesterday—24 to 19—and, secondly, by the fact that the committee was faced yesterday with the choice between the British proposal for verification and the United States amendment making the effective date December 15.

This was considered to have weakened the British position. It was still thought possible

yesterday that the United States might decide to support the principle of inspection to verify military information supplied to the United Nations.

In that case, M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, has indicated that he would support the British proposal for verification.

Reuters.

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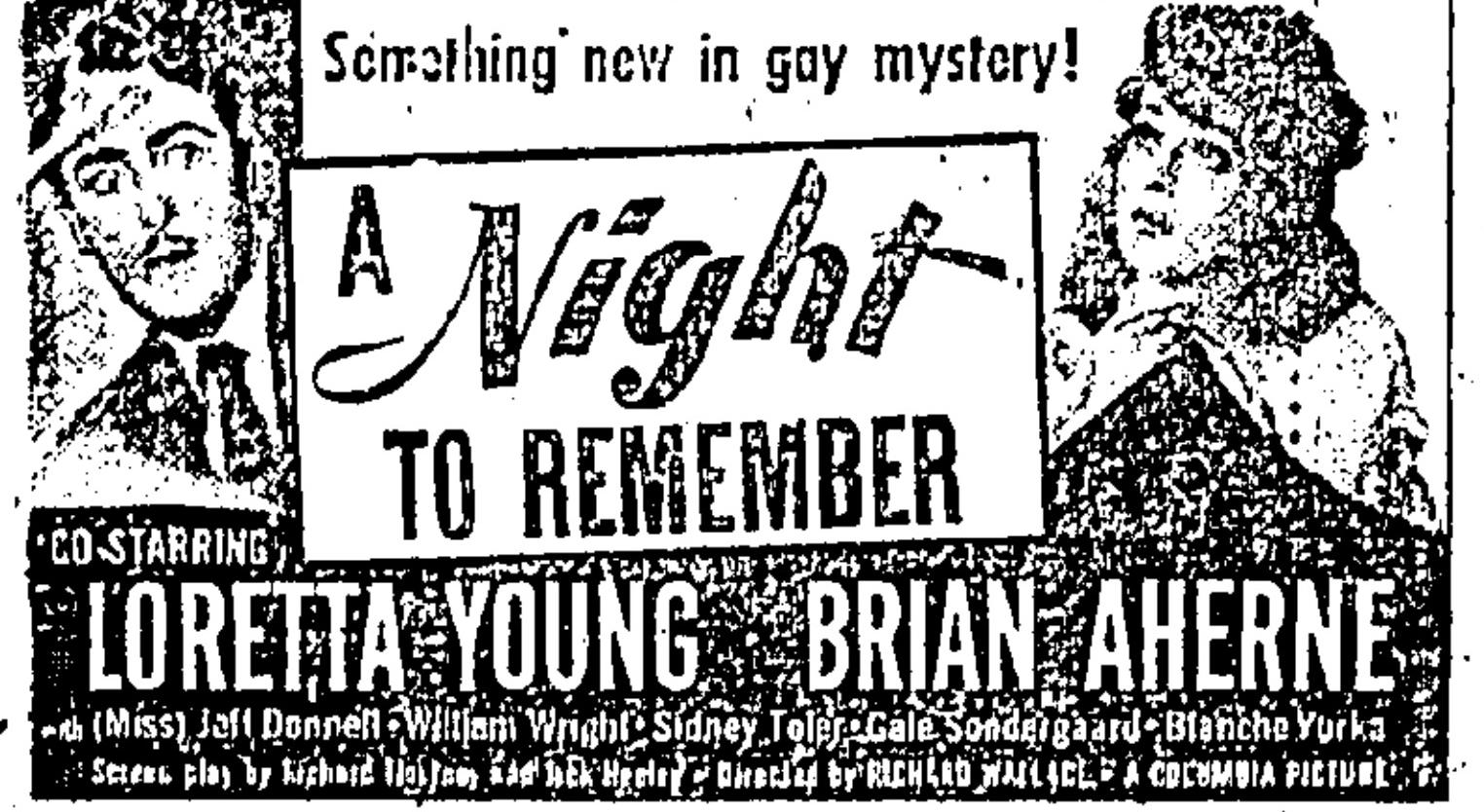
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HONG KONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1946.

## Paratroops Retake Airfield

Hanoi, Nov. 27.—Haiphong reports said today 500 French paratroop troops, protected by fighter planes, had recaptured the Haiphong airfield from the Vietnamese in a joint air and armour assault.

The reports said the French completed mapping up portions in the city's Chinatown with the exception of a few snipers.

Surmising groups of French and Viet Nam troops are still active in the province of Tonkin in northern French Indo-China.

Hanoi itself is said to be still free of fighting, but the atmosphere is tense and expectant as supporters of both sides follow reports of fighting in Langson, 50 miles to the north, and Haiphong, 50 miles to the east.

Meanwhile the exodus of civilians continues into the countryside.

The French are in control of the situation in Langson, and have resumed the exhumation of the bodies of French and Viet Nam victims of alleged Japanese massacres.

The correspondent said that French officials at Hanoi have denied Viet Nam press statement that French aircraft had machine-gunned civilians evading Haiphong and that machine-gun posts had been set up in a church steeple and the Chinese consulate.—Associated Press and Reuter.

## Troops Walk Off Transport

Batavia, Nov. 28.—Protesting against conditions on board, 170 British non-commissioned officers and other ranks walked off the British-Indian troopship evacuating them from Java, at Tandjung Priuk, the port of Batavia, the Netherlands New Agency reported.

They returned after a British officer had ordered improvements and the ship was due to sail to Singapore today.

The incident occurred yesterday when 200 men of the 17th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, went on board the s.s. "Ekku" and found what they described as "Indian troop accommodation."

They complained of these conditions and of the fact that no meal was available.—Reuter.

## FASCIST GIRLS ARRESTED

London, Nov. 28.—The arrest of 22 persons, among them several girls, held responsible for Fascist activities in Venice—including the throwing of bombs at the offices of the Democratic organisations—was reported by the Rome Radio today.—Reuter.

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## Vegetable "Ferry" Across Harbour

A cross-harbour vegetable transport service has been initiated in connection with the Government Wholesale Vegetable Market in Kowloon. This is for the benefit of Hong Kong retailers who wish to purchase fresh New Territories produce, and for importers who land their supplies at Hong Kong but wish to go to the Government Market for the wholesale disposal of their vegetables.

### "SYMBOL" STRIKE

Jerusalem, Nov. 29.—A three-minute "symbol" strike all over the country was declared by the Jewish National Council today in protest against the deportation of 3,554 Jewish illegal immigrants, whose plea for habeas corpus was rejected by the Palestine High Court today.

Instead of a day's strike, the Council decided that every Jew in the country should contribute half a day's earnings to the refugee fund of the Yishuv (Jewish migration to Palestine movement).—Reuter.

## Wavell Party For London

London, Nov. 28.

The Government has received a telegram from the Viceroy of India, Lord Wavell, informing it officially of the Moslem League's acceptance of the Government's invitation to come to London for discussions on the forthcoming Constituent Assembly.

As the institution of the Government Vegetable Marketing system put out of business many who formerly made substantial profits by paying low prices to the growers and high prices to the consumers, these are angry at the progress of the Market and try to do it harm in every way. They have been responsible for a continual series of attacks carried on through the agency of the less responsible Chinese newspapers, which also daily charge the Market with every form of inefficiency. The best answer to these attacks is that given by the farmers, importers and retail buyers who use the facilities of the Market in日益 increasing number.

## Fingerprint Expert Dead

London, Nov. 29.

The man who reorganized Scotland Yard's criminal records Office so that any of the fingerprints held could be traced in a few minutes, is dead.

He is Mr. John Hughes Ashley, formerly Chief Constable in the Criminal Investigation Department. He was 74.

Mr. Ashley retired in August, 1932, after nearly 40 years' service in the Metropolitan Police Force. His first capture—a burglar in his native town of Barnmouth—was achieved when he was only 15.—Reuter.

## RADIO

ZBZ Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 1230 to 135 p.m., 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m. also on 6.02 megacycles.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.30 p.m.—Scottish, Chorus, and Pipe Bands.

1.00 p.m.—Weather Report and Announcements.

1.15 p.m.—Chemical Interludes.

1.30 p.m.—The Hellbenders.

1.45 p.m.—Popular Light Classics.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—"Bonnie Scotland"—Various Programmes.

4.45 p.m.—Relay from Australian Com-

mentary on the Test Match.

5.00 p.m.—Studio: "Tel. Requests." New York, Ceiling M.T.B.C.

5.05 p.m.—London Relay: News.

5.15 p.m.—Music Time.

5.45 p.m.—With Horace Guller.

6.15 p.m.—Instrumental Duets: Patricia Beauchamp and Robinson Clever.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay: Miss Oliver Introduction.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

10.45 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

London, Nov. 28.

Mr. Malcolm Mac Donald Governor-General of Malaya and Singapore, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

## SPORTS SECTION

## AUSTRALIA SCORES 292 FOR TWO

### Soccer At Kai-Tak

It was an all R.A.F. day at Kai-Tak on Wednesday, when 110 Squadron, leaders in the race for Station League honours, tried conclusions with a rather strong Station eleven.

This game proved a needle affair with both sides giving of their best and so the expected ding-dong exchanges materialized, giving the respective supporters something to cheer about.

R.A.F. Kai-Tak included Sinclair, Soutar, Sewell, Anderson, Burns and Johnston of the R.A.F. Hong Kong Squadron with the Navy opposites Club at 4.45 p.m.

Although previous form suggests that the Commanders should easily account for R.A.F.-Police, it must be remembered that the latter have improved more than any other team in the last few weeks. Navy, with the fleet out of port, are having team building difficulties and the Club should repeat their win of three weeks ago.

The following will represent the Club: P.S. Ingham; I. May, H.J.S. Muriel, J. Rios, C. Barclay; F. Cassford, O.J. Kerr; A. Angus, D. J. L. McWhirter, G. P.W. Mann, J. W. Cairns, M. McFarran, D. P. Graham, A. J. G. Taylor, M. N. Speyer.

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